

PRESIDENT MCGHEE

NEW BUILDING

Colored Orphan Home and Industrial School, Huntington, W. Va.

Rev. C. E. McGhee, President

THE Colored Orphan Home and Industrial School was founded in 1900 by Rev. C. E. McGhee (Baptist). There were 6 teachers and 80 students in 1908. The annual expenses approximate \$7,000.

The object of the institution is to maintain a home for colored orphan children and to nourish them in any way that may seem best to fit and equip them for usefulness in life. Every child is given instruction in some useful domestic, mechanical, or other branches of industry. During the years it has been open the institution has given refuge to 200 homeless children. The buildings are encircled by one hundred and eighty acres of productive land well suited to agriculture, and embracing an orchard of more than one thousand choice fruit trees.

The motto of the home is: "These, too, are my children. For them, also, I died on the cross."

The following is an extract of a message of W. M. O. Dawson, governor of West Virginia, dated January 13, 1909.

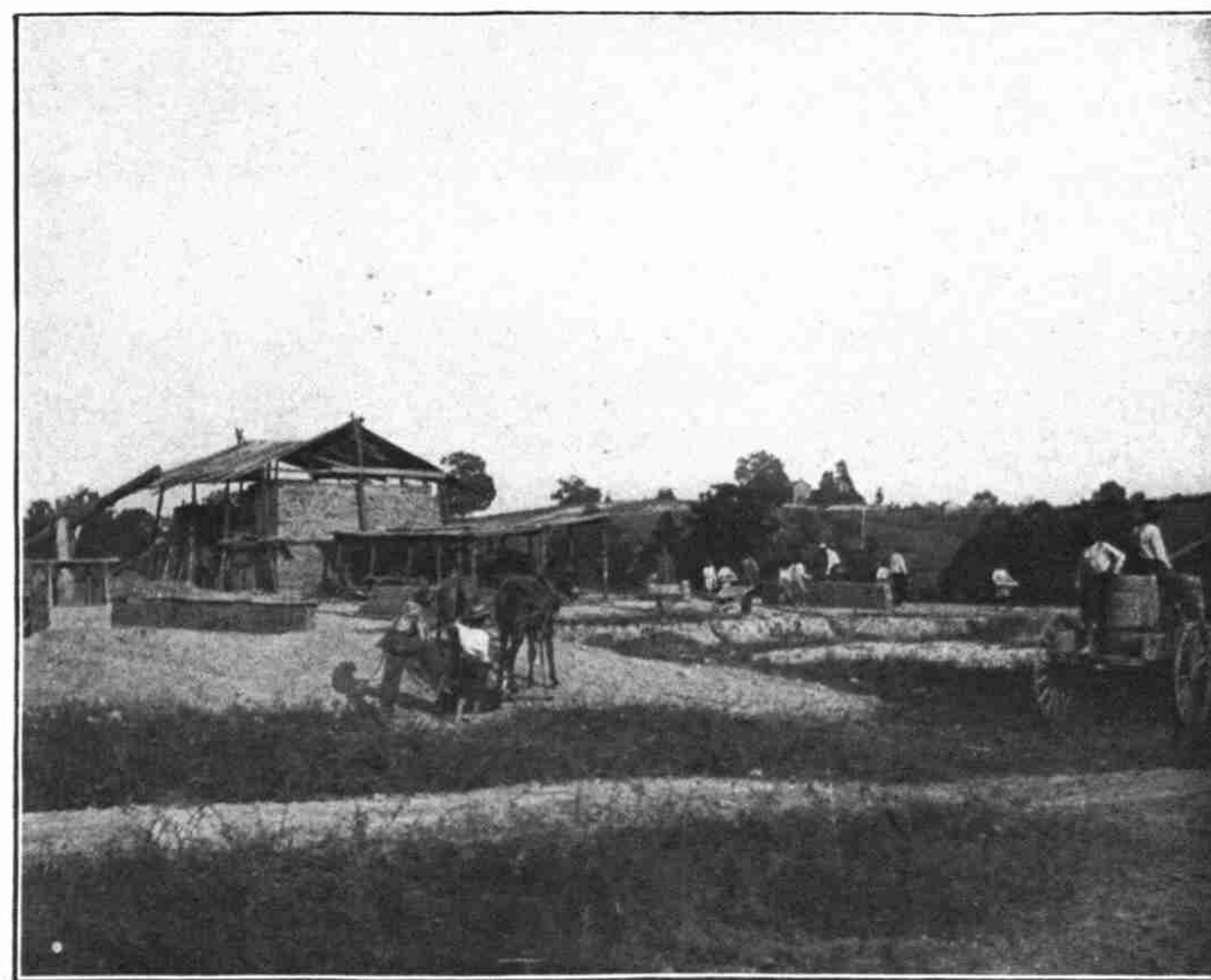
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"Early last spring I had the privilege of visiting the Colored Orphan Home and Industrial School, situated near Huntington. I was most agreeably surprised and greatly impressed with the great work that this institution is doing under the management of Mr. McGhee and a board of control, the members of which board give their time without compensation.

"The school has been wholly supported by voluntary contributions and by the products of the farm. The excellent farm, lying on the Guyandotte River, within a mile of the corporate limits of the city of Huntington, consists of two hundred and ten acres of land, estimated to be worth \$30 an acre. The building and material on hand are estimated at \$9,300; furniture, farming utensils, and live stock, \$1,270; the total indebtedness is \$6,174.64, of which \$1,475 is the amount due on the farm and \$3,035 is back salary due the teachers.

"I heartily recommend that the state pay the indebtedness, the state acquire ownership of the plant, that appropriation be made to complete the main building, and for other necessary purposes to maintain the school.

"I consider the care of dependent children of the state one of the highest demands that confront us; and an expenditure for such a purpose is sure to greatly repay us."



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